

## War & Peace

The war had the effect of increasing the isolation which the club already suffered from in the domestic sphere due to the athletic split. Travel difficulties made it virtually impossible for the club to tour in Britain and for obvious reasons, travel to the continent was impossible at this time. Even if these difficulties had not existed, the demands of the British war effort, with all able bodied young men in some service or another, meant that the university teams which were our normal opponents ceased to function for the duration. Even Queens, situated as it was in a part of the United Kingdom not subject to conscription, occasionally found it impossible to raise teams for the traditional fixtures against us, due to the shortage of manpower as potential athletes volunteered for war service. Indeed, D.U.H.A.C. itself was not immune from this. However, towards the end of the war, some fixtures were arranged with Queens even if the teams involved were somewhat attenuated. But for the greater part of this time, the club had to exist on such domestic competition as was allowed by the exigencies of the 'emergency'.

With the end of the World War in 1945, these cramped horizons suddenly stretched out again and the club could look forward to a resumption of a more normal pattern of competition. Indeed, the mood of optimism engendered by the outbreak of peace was such that an attempt was even made to arrange a fixture with U.C.D. This of course proved abortive as was to happen to many other such attempts in future years but it does point to a feeling of psychological release felt at this time. The first concrete evidence of this normalisation was the revival of the fixture with Glasgow University Hare & Hounds which took place in the Phoenix Park on 15th December 1945 and which D.U.H. won narrowly by 39 points to 41. A regretful note in one of the college periodicals states that it had not been possible for any members of the Harriers to travel to Scotland to take part in a match between the Scottish, English and Irish Universities. This seems a pity and must have meant that the Irish team consisted solely of Queens University athletes.

However, this was in part compensated for when members of the athletic club undertook the first post war tour to Glasgow and Edinburgh at the end of May 1946. During the tour, Edinburgh were defeated by 39 points to 28 but Glasgow were the winners in the other match by 55 points to 46. The process of normalisation reached

the apogee with the visit to Oxford on 9th July. The match in College Park was a close affair decided in the end by the relay which was won by D.U.H.A.C. This victory was undoubtedly the climax of the club's successful process of re-entry to full post war competition. The succeeding years however, were to see competition becoming ever fiercer and for a time, the results reflected this, the win against Oxford was not to be repeated in the match against Cambridge the following year. This is not to say that D.U.H.A.C. failed to maintain its position as the premier club in Dublin on track and field as a succession of wins in the Interclub Relays testified to. There were of course the usual succession of talented individuals to brighten the scene. Club members such as H.E. and R. C. Jephson, D. Lane, G. A. Mitchell, the seemingly everlasting J. H. Hofmeyr and D. C. Gatenby won many A.A.U. titles during this period and certainly performed distinguished service for the team during their careers.

Possibly the most outstanding individual in the immediate post war years was D. Guiney who was picked as Ireland's sole representative at the 1946 European Games in Oslo following his putt of 47'1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in the Oxford match. He was, of course, to go on to win A.A.A.'s titles and to take part in the 1948 Olympic Games in London but from a club point of view, his was a most valuable contribution in many matches, ranging as it did through events such as shot, discus, javelin and others, in all of which he could be expected to perform well. Incidentally, to those now used to competing in athletic events before a crowd consisting of the proverbial three men and a dog, it might be interesting to note that the relevant newspaper report estimates that upwards of 10,000 people were in College Park to watch the first Clonliffe Invitation Meeting after the War in July 1946.

Throughout the period of relative success in the immediate post war years, followed by those years in which victories, except in the domestic sphere, were hard to come by, one particularly tough opponent proved to be Queens University. Our Belfast rivals produced a succession of very strong teams during these years and in none of our matches since 1942 had we been able to better them. This barren record was finally broken in May 1949 when D.U.H.A.C. defeated Q.U.B.A.C. by 69 points to 52. The rest of that season proved quite successful also and our only loss was in the Londonderry Trophy. 1950 however was not so successful though we did halve the honours on our Scottish tour beating Aberdeen but being beaten by Edinburgh.

An interesting match which took place that year on June 21st in College Park was one in which the combinations of Dublin University and Oxford University competed against Queens University and Cambridge University, though unfortunately the club ended up on the losing side. Notable names from that encounter were P. J. Hildreth, Cambridge's 120 yards hurdler, who later in the year was to take the bronze medal in the European Games, and the winner of the mile, C. Brasher, also of Cambridge, who was to win the gold medal in the 3000 metres steeplechase at the Melbourne Olympics

and also to take part in another particularly famous mile race several years later.

The following season though again not altogether a successful one did see the club participating once more in the Irish Universities Championships. It was not on the whole an auspicious return as we finished second to U.C.D., many of our better athletes performing well below their best, but the fluttering in official doves which our participation caused ensured that it was not to recur the following year or indeed for many years thereafter. Though not a particularly happy one from a team point of view, the year 1951 was one in which we re-emphasised our dominance in domestic competition by winning eight A.A.U. titles. The year also was remarkable in that it saw the emergence of R. D. Miller as a javelin thrower of some considerable note. Having broken the Irish record in the match against Queens and Edinburgh, he later in the season became the first Irishman to throw the javelin over 200 feet.

The Harriers also had a pretty lean time in the later years of the forties. Though never afraid to take on the best available, indeed the club's course record dating from 1949 stood to a certain C. Chataway later to briefly hold the world 5000 metres record and be another participant in the famous mile race previously mentioned, team victories of note were few. Cross country in the Universities has laboured under the handicap that it takes longer for the talented distance runner to develop than is true in some track events. Whereas during the athletic season, the club at this time had no difficulty in holding its own with outside competition, the Harriers were always at a disadvantage in this respect and the only true comparison is with their contemporaries in opposing universities. However, with the emergence of P. N. Ross as a distance runner of note, both on the track and over the country and the arrival of others such as S. Webley in college, the Harriers gradually became a team to be reckoned with. During the 1951-1952 season, victories were recorded over R.A.F. Valley, Bangor, Aberdeen and for the first time in many years, Queens. Ross demonstrated his abilities as the best college distance runner for some time by winning the All-Ireland Junior Championships and placed fifth in the U.A.U. Championships in Birmingham. With the backing of such as Brewster, Glendenning, Ellwood, Fleming, Wood and Murphy, the club had its most successful year over the country for many years. Throughout all though, year in, year out, successful and not so successful, the Harriers continued with their, to most people, rather odd pastime. This is perhaps best summed up in the words of a T.C.D. Miscellany diarist who announced that at 3.00pm the following Saturday "Dublin University Harriers will leave Islandbridge in search of the unattainable".

Meanwhile, the 1952 athletic season started with the accustomed win in the Inter Club Relays but then in quick succession, we lost both the Londonderry Trophy and Blues match to Queens. Subsequently, a team went to England to compete in the U.A.U. championships where Miller won the javelin title. Also on that tour, we took part in a match in Reading in which we beat Reading A.C., Reading University and the R.A.F.

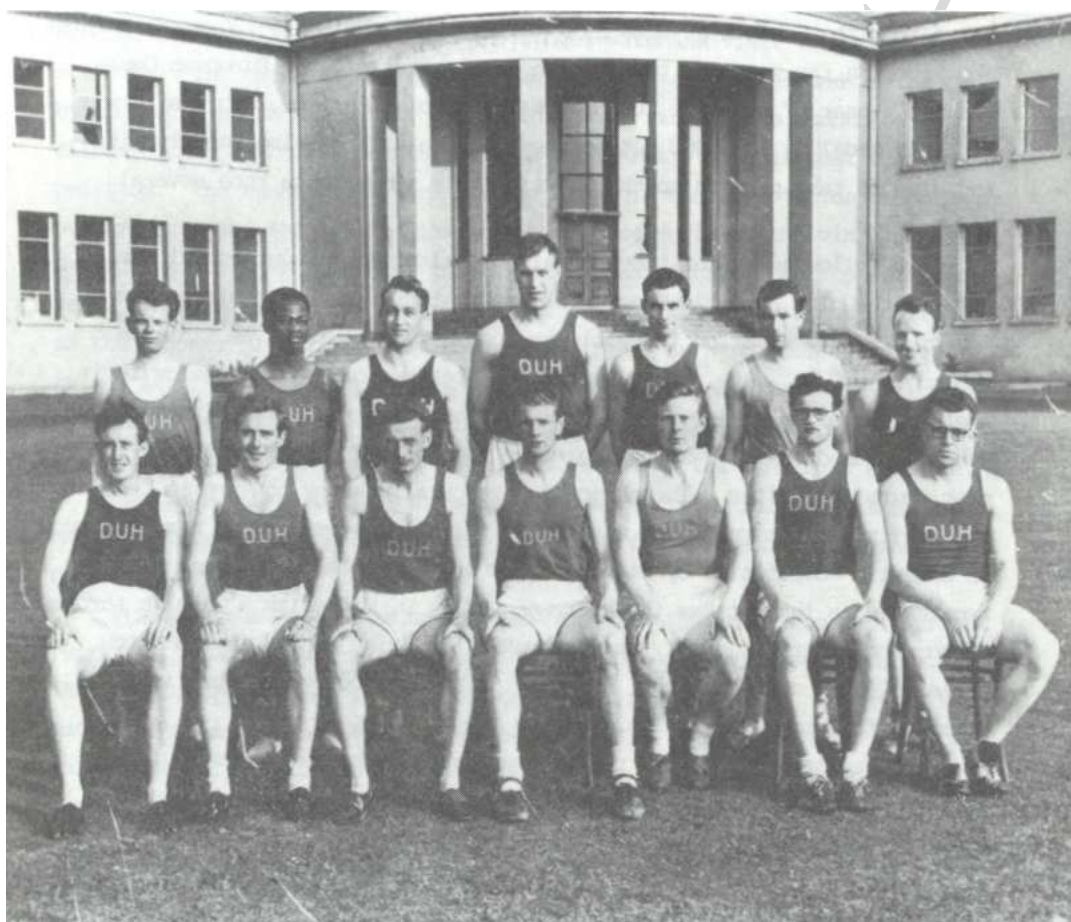


Figure 7: D.U.H.A.C. Team, 1954

Back Row (l-r): S. Webley, J. Oladitan, N. J. White, R. H. Taylor, R. J. Mackay, P. Browne, N. McCrea  
 Front Row (l-r): M. Johnston, J. Hyland, B. S. Brewster, D. W. Forsyth (Captain), R. D. W. Miller,  
 J. B. Lawson, N. J. B. de Wet.

Inter Unit champions, Yatesbury, B. S. Brewster winning the mile in a fast time. College races saw Miller break his javelin record yet again, he was joined in this by Ross who broke the college two mile record to add to his other records at various distances and by the evergreen Hofmeyr who broke the long standing high jump record. The season for most of the club's members then gradually petered out but Miller went on to place second in the A.A.A.'s championships and as a result was picked to compete in the Helsinki Olympic Games for Britain. There, he qualified for the final, a feat equalled by no other Briton or Irishman in the javelin event until David Ottley won the silver medal in the 1984 games.

The 1953 season was to prove a successful one starting with a win over Glasgow and followed by victories over Bangor, Queens and Edinburgh. However, a straw in the wind was our loss of the Inter Club Relays for the first time in many years. The level of talent in the other Dublin clubs was rising due partly to the fact that increasingly the better N.A.C.A. athletes were forswearing politics for competition and joining one of the big open A.A.U. clubs in Dublin. This was a progression which was to be masked for a time by the fact that during the remainder of the fifties and into the sixties, the club itself was to be unusually strong but all the same, its effects were increasingly felt. 1953 was also an important season for various individual club members as two of those who had won A.A.U. titles later equalled or broke college records at College Races. N. de Wet equalled the college 120 yards hurdles and 220 yards records, the former set in 1950 by J. M. Caruana and the latter standing to the credit of D. D. Rippard and dating from the 1919 College Races. R. J. Mackey the surprise winner of the A.A.U. 880 yards title won the mile in a new record time. Also at College Races, Ross broke his own three mile record and the previously held A.A.U. championships had seen J. B. Lawson capture the javelin title and so emerge as a contender for Miller's crown. The following season was one of mixed fortunes for the club but it did see the introduction of athletes who were to become stalwarts of the team in later years, J. O. Oladitan and R. H. Taylor who in his first year broke T. G. Davis's 1949 discus record. 1954 was also notable for the death of Tom Maguire who had served in his capacity as coach, the club and its members faithfully for thirty years and who was in his turn sincerely mourned.

At the start of the 1954-55 season, both the Harriers and Athletic Clubs began to show a much more determined and serious attitude to the business of preparing for competition. The Harriers conscious of the fact that despite having some very talented individuals that it was the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh scorers who won or lost matches, introduced a series of handicap races to try to raise the level of keenness and fitness amongst members, the winner of the series in each year to take a new cup named after its donor, W. R. C. Parke. The Athletic Club started coaching sessions during the winter under Jack Sweeney for the more technical events and a throwing circle and cinder run up for jumping were laid out. The Harriers had mixed luck that year but

the athletic club did recapture the Inter Club Relays title and with a team of five came fourth in the U.A.U. championships, behind London, Oxford and Loughborough. In the process, Taylor won the discus and placed third in the shot, Lawson was second in the javelin, Oladitan third in the long jump and both Mackey in the 880 and P. Gooden in the 440 ran times faster than the existing college records. Mackey's run was especially noteworthy as on the Saturday prior to these championships in the match against Edinburgh, he had run 1.55.4 in the 880 yards on a wet College Park so breaking G. N. Morphy's venerable college record which had stood since 1905.

The club was undefeated in all inter university matches during 1956, Glasgow, Queens and Liverpool being our unlucky opponents. In the U.A.U. championships, we once again finished fourth, Mackey winning the half mile and McGrahan the pole vault title while Taylor finished second in both the discus and shot. However, in both relay competitions, we were unsuccessful. The 1957 season was a bit less straightforward. We started off by losing to Edinburgh though as consolation, Taylor did break the college record for the shot putt in this competition. During the following week, we recaptured the inter club relays title and then set off on tour. This turned out to be something of a marathon and a bad one at that. The first competition was in the U.A.U. championships where despite Oladitan winning the long jump and D. F. Archer coming second in the pole vault, the result for the team as a whole was disappointing. The team then headed for Scotland only to lose the first two matches against Edinburgh and St. Andrews. A little pride was restored, as the week drew to a close, to a by now jaded and injury ridden team in a win over Aberdeen in the third match. But that unfortunately was not the end of the tour as the remnants of the team plus some fresh reinforcements now had to take on Queens and their guests in the Londonderry Trophy on the way home. Not surprisingly, we did not win the Trophy despite the exceptional performances of some of the team, notably Archer who equalled his record in the pole vault. The result, however, had the athletics correspondent of T.C.D. lamenting that with the rules then in operation, he could see no prospect of the club ever winning the Londonderry Trophy. The team finally reached Dublin and after a months recuperation and some gentle competition, emerged towards the end of June to win the G. V. Ryan Trophy, the unofficial team championship of the A.A.U. The gloss on this victory being given added lustre by the fact of Archer setting a new Irish record in the pole vault.

The Harriers had had a fairly disappointing couple of seasons due to the usual problem of not having a team strong enough to support the top two or three runners who must frequently have felt that they were performing in a vacuum. This weakness was itself the result of the club not having a sufficiently large pool of talent to draw from. However, prospects started to improve at the start of the 1957-58 season. Victories were recorded over Crusaders and a visiting Aberdeen team and then in a match against Donore, the strongest cross country club in Dublin at the time, and Civil Service we finished a close



Figure 8: D.U.H.A.C. Team, 1957

Back Row (l-r): G. R. Mason, J. Keyte, J. Leeson, D. Bayne, R. T. Taylor, T. Ryan, M. Reed, B. Roe.  
 Front Row (l-r): B. D. Hannon, G. Reynolds, P. T. Godden, J. O. Oladitan (Captain), P. R. Thomas,  
 D. F. Archer, C. Shillington

joint second. This performance against clubs whom we would normally have expected to beat us easily and the running of a freshman, C. J. Shillington, who finished second and in the process broke the old course record set by A. Wood of Aberdeen in 1953, sent morale soaring for the coming match against Queens. Unfortunately, this optimism was short lived as we lost by two points. The rest of the season then disintegrated in the usual run of illness and injury with the additional blow of one of our leading runners, M. Connolly, having left college and joined an outside club. The following season again saw the club suffer somewhat mixed fortunes, the principal item being an athletically unsuccessful tour of Scotland. However, the 1959–1960 season was more successful encompassing as it did a tour of England and culminating in our first victory over Queens for some eight years. In this race we had the first three across the line: Shillington, B. Roe and S. Whittome. But then, as usual, we had to wait some time for the rest of the team to close in, it was though successfully accomplished as our sixth man finished twelfth.

But to return to the activities of the athletic club, the 1958 season had started with a warm-up match against Clonliffe which we won easily followed by the Inter Club Relays which we successfully retained. Later in the month, it was off to the U.A.U. championships again and though we won no titles, Oladitan came second in the long jump, T.T. Lunde was second in the high jump and pole vault and Shillington also runner-up in the 880. Oladitan had an additional reason for celebration as he was informed that he was to represent Nigeria in the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. Shillington was also to compete in Cardiff though he was not selected by Northern Ireland until later in the season. The highlight of the year for the club however was undoubtedly the Londonderry Trophy. This we won for the first time since 1942 by taking one of the track and six of the field events. It was to be a harbinger of score very successful seasons to come. The start of the 1959 season was to prove a bit hesitant. We won as expected the Inter Club Relays and then drew with a strong Edinburgh side. Several days later, we took on Aberdeen who were expected to be weaker and, suffering the fate of all infected with overconfidence, we lost. Among the few bright spots in the later match was B. Hannon's new college record in the 440 yards hurdles. The next item on the programme was a tour of England, there we defeated an Oxford side at Iffley Road, where R. V. Francis broke the college 220 yards record, and we were narrowly defeated at Birmingham. Back home it was time once more for the Londonderry Trophy which we retained and this time with a little more success on the track, indeed the 4x400 yards team even managed to break the Irish record. In the field the victory was in no small way due to the indefatigable efforts of Lunde who moved from high jump fan to long jump pit to pole vault run up to shot circle to javelin area and back to the discus circle picking up many valuable points along the way. The rest of the season was also successful, we defeated a London United Hospitals team and in this match, Shillington





Figure 9: The World Student Games, Paris in 1957. Trinity had four representatives, from left to right: H. G. Reynolds, R. Taylor, G. Mason → J. B. Lawson, absent from the photograph, was carrying the Irish flag.



Figure 10: President Sean T. O'Kelly and Provost McConnell being greeted at the Races in 1957.

set a new mile record and Francis a new 440 yards record of 49.6. The final match was against Queens which was also won. In the A.A.U. championships, amongst other titles earned by members of the club were the 440 yards hurdles by Hannon and the 440 yards by Francis in a time of 49.4.

The 1960 season was to be the club's 75th anniversary and it was hoped to celebrate the jubilee in fitting style. The season began well with wins against Clonliffe, in the Inter Club Relays and against Queens and for good measure, Taylor collected a new college record in the shot along the way. The tour to England was to take in the U.A.U. championships and a match against Cambridge. At the U.A.U., the club achieved its best ever placing, third behind the giants, London and Loughborough. In the process, Lunde won the high jump and pole vault, Shillington set a new meeting record in the 880 yards in 1.51.5 and for good measure Taylor was second in the shot and third in the discus. Then it was on to Cambridge for another victory before heading home. Prior to the team travelling to Belfast for the Londonderry Trophy, Shillington ran the halfmile in an open meeting in Santry and came second to Brian Hewson, the reigning European champion at 1500 metres. In the process, he clocked 1.49.8 which equalled the qualifying time set by the British Board for that years Olympics in Rome. In the Londonderry Trophy itself, we won every event but the 3x120 yards hurdles on the track and despite the absence of Taylor and B. Ovbiagale, held our own in the field and so retained the trophy. Back in Dublin, we won the G. V. Ryan Trophy again, in which match Francis set a new college record in the 220 yards and Taylor what he thought was a new Irish record in the shot, it turned out later that the shot was an ounce underweight and the record was consequently disallowed. The A.A.U. championships which followed saw club members win nine titles, amongst them the mile won by Shillington in 4.06.4, the third fastest ever by an Irishman up to that point, and Taylor, who insisted the shot be weighed before he threw, got his Irish record officially as well as the title and so deprived D. Guiney of his record which had stood since 1948. The climax of the season was a jubilee match against the rest of the A.A.U. in which we were narrowly defeated. All in all, then the contention that it was the club's best year in competition since 1885 as proposed by the athletic correspondent in TCD was a hard one to argue against. How could the club then hope to follow a season such as that? Well, below is a fixture list and results from the 1961 season:

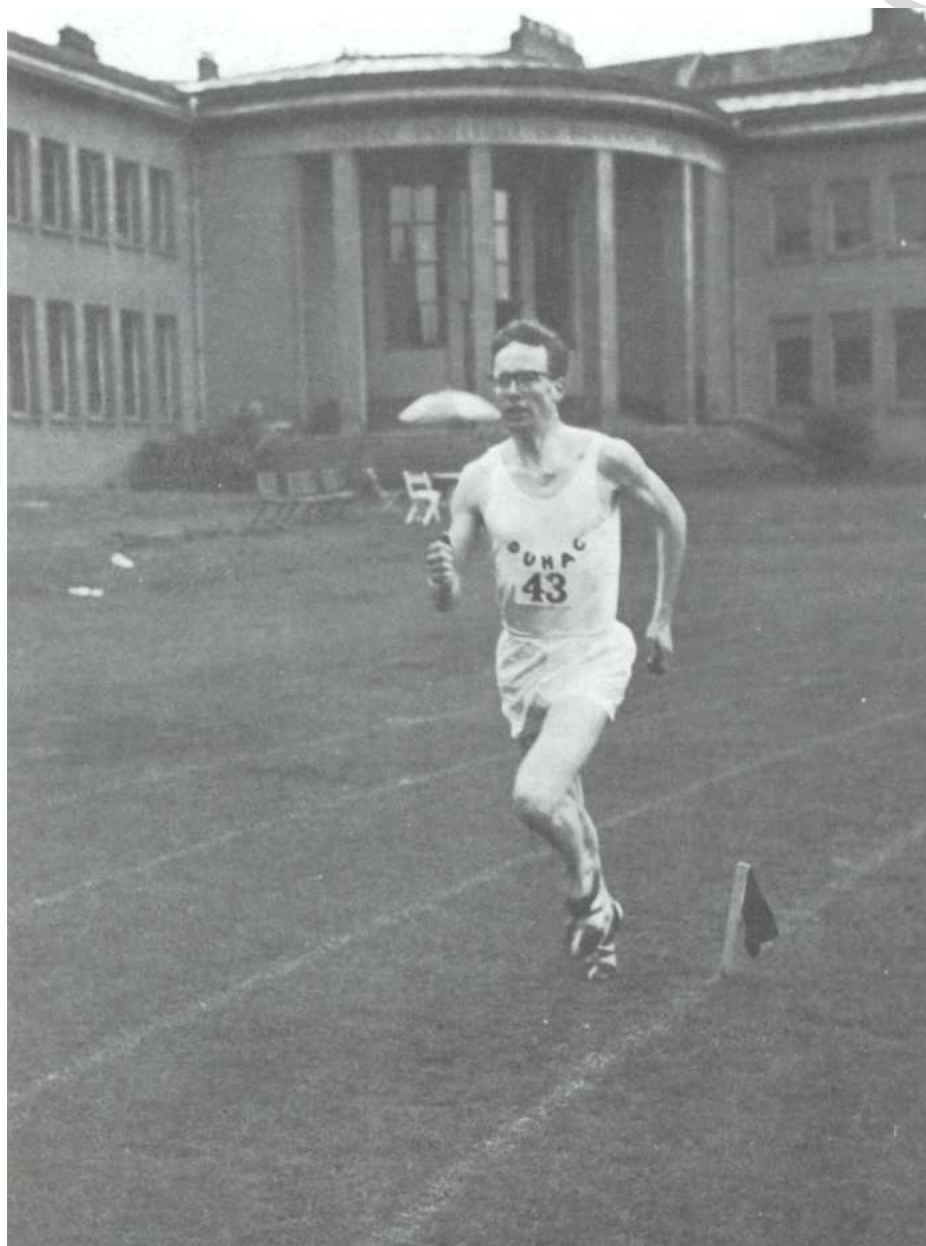


Figure 11: Rounding the top bend in College Park in 1960 — Colin Shillington, one of Trinity's top athletes.

27.4.61	College Park	Vs Birmingham University	won 88-38
6.5.61	Santry	Vs Clonliffe Harriers	won 85-48
10.5.61	College Park	Inter Club Relay Meeting	won 45-24 etc.
13.5.61	College Park	Vs Queens University	won 99-44
16.5.61	Santry	Vs A.A.U.	won 72-71
20.5.61	Cherryvale	Londonderry Trophy meet	won 51-49-17
26/27.5.61	Motspur Park	U.A.U. Championships	4th behind
London, Loughborough and Cambridge			
29.5.61	Iffley Road	Vs Oxford & United Hospitals	won 68-39
1.6.61	College Park	Vs U.C.D.	won 87-73
3.6.61	Santry	G.V.Ryan Trophy meeting	won 41-34 etc.

This procession of victories was all the more notable because we had lost some of our star athletes such as Taylor, who became the first Irishman to putt over 50 feet during the season and Oladitan who won the 1961 A.A.A.'s long jump title and these losses certainly told against us in the U.A.U. championships. Still we did have our compensations, the Clonliffe match saw the emergence of H. Kennedy-Skipton as a javelin thrower of note following in the line of Miller and Lawson, Ovbiagale set a Nigerian discus record in the Inter Club Relays and Shillington won another U.A.U. title this time at the mile. But the highlight of the year undoubtedly was the first colours match against U.C.D. After much toing and froing behind the scenes in order to oil the beauracratc wheels, permission was finally granted by the I.A.A.F. to the holding of a closed meeting with U.C.D. This took place, after some frantic preparation, on 1st June 1961 in College Park before a large crowd of some 4000 people and turned out to be a very exciting match. To single out individual athletes in one non-championship meeting is even more invidious than highlighting their performances throughout the season. The victory in the colours match of 1961 was a team effort as were all other such victories, a fact which sometimes gets forgotten in the individuals concentration on his own event. Nevertheless this famous occasion cannot be passed over without mentioning the contribution of that years captain, R. V. Francis who finished second to the Pole, Maniak in the 100 and 220 yards, contributed to the relay victory and won the 440 yards in a new college record of 49.0. Others deserving of mention include C. J. Shillington who as well as winning both the 880 yards and mile, finished a close third in the 440 yards and also the ubiquitous T. T. Lunde, who won the high jump and pole vault, came second in the long jump and third in the javelin which event was soon by H. Kennedy-Skipton with a throw of over 200 feet. The final result was D.U.H.A.C. 87 points, U.C.D.A.C. 73 points. The season then finished with a win in the G. V. Ryan Trophy and confirmed our ranking as the number one club in Ireland. It must be stressed however that overall the results in 1961 were achieved as a result of a team effort, the loss of some of our outstanding individual athletes from the previous year was compensated for by the willingness of

their successors to try and emulate them and not be overawed by the reputations which they left behind them. This team effort is exemplified in Lunde's competitive record. Of the 30 events he entered wearing a D.U.H.A.C. vest during the season, he won 19 and came second in 10.

It was of course too much to expect that standard could be achieved in every year and the 1962 season brought the clubs supporters down to earth with a bump. We retained our inter club relays title but then in quick succession, finished second in two triangular matches, the first against Edinburgh and Aberdeen and then against Glasgow and St. Andrews. Following that, we lost the Londonderry Trophy narrowly but came back to win in our first official participation in the contest for the P. J. O'Sullivan Intervarsity Trophy since 1936. This was achieved with a very depleted team, a separate team having been sent to the U.A.U. championships the same weekend, and it must be said that U.C.D.'s first team was also not competing due to a similar clash of dates. The match against the A.A.U. was lost as was the G. V. Ryan Trophy. However, something was rescued from the season when after a neck and neck battle all the way through, the second colours match was drawn 86 points all.

During this period of outstanding achievement on track and field, the Harriers had continued to plough their own lonely furrow. The season of 1960-61 was not as successful as the previous one, a win in the match against Crusaders and Avondale was followed by defeats against Donore and Clonliffe and later Queens. A disappointing third in the A.A.U. novice championships was followed by a not unexpected defeat against the Cheshire Regt., runnersup in the All-Ireland Championships. However, in the last race of the season a triangular match in the Phoenix Park, though beaten by the United Hospitals team, second in the recent U.A.U. championships, we had revenge over Queens for the defeat in the previous term. The 1961-62 season divided neatly into two halves. Before Christmas though, we beat Aberdeen at home, we suffered defeat at the hands of Donore and Clonliffe and then on tour, at the hands of St. Andrews and Aberdeen and finished the term with a defeat by Queens in Belfast. After Christmas however, we began with a win over Avondale and then in the first cross country colours match following the thaw, there was an extremely close match in Belfield which finished in a tie. S. Whittome winning the race and A. Sparshott finishing third. The year ended satisfactorily with a race in Phoenix Park in which we beat Queens, Bangor and Aberystwth. The next season was also successful with a win in the inaugural Intervarsity match against the three colleges of the National University for the 'Green Fox Trophy', the points totals being D.U.H. 31, U.C.D.A.C. 59, U.C.C.A.C. 111 and U.C.G.A.C. 143. For once, the Harriers had a strong six: P. Davy, S. Whittome, A. Shillington, A. Sparshott, S. Byrne and F. Quinlan with others to back up their efforts. This year also ended on a high note with another win against Queens, Bangor and Aberystwth. The final season of this period was a mixed one from the club's point of view but we did beat U.C.D. and



Figure 12: D.U.H.A.C. Team, 1961

Back Row (l-r): P. M. Toomey, D. J. Tyler, J. A. Leeson, A. .J. Shaw, B. Dubiagle, A. McN. Scott, J. Kennedy-, P. J. Davey, H. Kennedy-Skipton, B. O. Osoba

Front Row (l-r): A. R. Sparshott, G. Mason, S. K. Whittome, T. T. Lunde, R. V. Francis, F. H. Quinlan, C. J. G. Shillington, B. Roe, 11.-D. O'Clery

enjoyed a tour to England.

The 1963 athletic season had started with a very successful tour which took in England, Holland and Sweden. Back home, matches against Aberystwyth and Clonliffe were won and the Inter Club Relays title retained. However, in the Intervarsity, we were beaten by U.C.D., the margin being two points. Not surprisingly, we also lost in the match against the A.A.U. and in the colours match were narrowly defeated by U.C.D. again, despite a double in the 100 and 220 yards by R. Kirkham a similar achievement by A. Shillington who won the 440 and 440 yards hurdles and a one two in the 880 yards by F. Quinlan and P. Toomey. The season was also notable for the record breaking exploits of S. C. Whittome who broke both the college three mile and one mile records, in the case of the latter removing the name of C. J. Shillington from the list, no mean achievement. The following season started off with a tour to Scotland and wins were recorded over Aberdeen and St. Andrews but we lost to Glasgow. At home, we defeated Queens and Edinburgh and at that point in the season, L. Hatt had scored wins in all the matches, both in the shot and discus. Hopes were high for the Intervarsity but once again, we lost to U.C.D. However, a measure of revenge was extorted when we turned the tables in the colours match later in the month.

In the period 1945 to 1964, the club had lived through twenty years the first of which had seen peace of a sort, break out after the greatest war in history and the last held out the prospect that this peace, hopefully, would break out in the Irish athletic scene. Ironically, just as the peace at the beginning of this period meant the broadening of horizons, the peace at the end meant that to some extent the outlook of the club was to turn inward, from now on increasingly, the highlights of every season over the country and on the track were to be the colours match and the Irish Inter-varsity Championships.





Figure 13: Dara Shakespeare — National Javelin Record Holder, National Champion and Irish Inter-Varsity Champion